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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7245

S E C R E T KHARTOUM 2296

E.O. 11652: GDS - IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE

TAGS: XX, SU

SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION: INITIAL SUDANESE REACTION TO
ISRAEL RESUPPLY

REF: STATE 203889 (PARA 2)

1. SUDAN PRESS AND RADIO OCT. 16 GAVE BANNER TREATMENT TO ARMS
RESUPPLY ANNOUNCEMENT, DESCRIBING IT AS "US INTERVENTION".
MEDIA FEATURED ALLEGED DOD CONFIRMATION OF AIRLIFT (NOT
SEEN AT EMB). RADIO AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IDENTIFIES US AS
MAIN ENEMY SUPPORTING ISRAEL, CHARGES US INTERVENTION
ALWAYS FAVORS ISRAEL RATHER THAN ARAB STATES, AND CALLS FOR
"DIRECT ACTION" THROUGH OIL AND FINANCE. BENEATH ANTI-
IMPERIALIST VERBIAGE, COMMENTATORS NOTE BUT DISCOUNT
SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY AND US RATIONALE ON MAINTENANCE AND
SECURITY ALL MIDDLE EAST NATIONS.

2. SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION (SSU) HAS ANNOUNCED "POLITICAL
MOBILIZATION" RALLY FOR THURSDAY EVENING OCT. 18 AT WHICH
AMBS BELLIGERENT ARAB STATES INVITED SPEAK. WE
INCLINED VIEW NO PUBLIC ANTI-US MANIFESTATIONS LIKELY BEFORE
SUCH CLAMBAKE AND MIGHT WELL NOT THEN, UNLESS AREA SITUATION
FURTHER DETERIORATES.

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3. MORE RESTRAINED GOS OFFICIAL
REACTION CONTAINED KHARTOUM 2288.

4. COMMENT: IN LIGHT RELATIVELY STANDARD ANTI-US MEDIA POLEMICS
SO FAR AND RELATIVE RESTRAINT IN GOS ATTITUDE, I DO NOT BELIEVE
ADDITIONAL APPROACHES WARRANTED HERE AT THIS TIME.
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